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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: SWAPO NEGOTIATOR COMMENTS ON CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS

1. EHRENST TJIRIANGE, SWAPO LEGAL SECRETARY WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN BETTER PART OF SWAPO'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONTACT GROUP, DISCUSSED NAMIBIA PROPOSALS WITH EMBOFF AT JULY 4 RECEPTION. WE REPORT TJIRIANGE'S REMARKS FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH.

2. TJIRIANGE COMMENTED FIRST ON TWO REMAINING UNSETTLED POINTS THAT EMERGED FROM LUANDA FRONTLINE SUMMIT. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE SAID, HE REGARDED WALVIS BAY AS A MUCH MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE THAN THE LOCATION OF RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS. THE FORMER WAS "STRATEGIC," THE LATTER "TACTICAL."

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3. TJIRIANGE STATED STANDARD SWAPO CONCERNS ABOUT WALVIS BAY AND NEED FOR ASSURANCES THAT WEST WOULD NOT ABANDON THE ISSUE AFTER NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. HE WAS AWARE THAT WESTERN FIVE WERE PREPARING TO MEET THESE CONCERNS BUT DID NOT APPARENTLY HAVE ANY IDEA OF CONTACT GROUP'S THINKING BEYOND WHAT SECRETARY VANCE

SAID IN LAGOS IN APRIL. HE FOUND THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT "CONFUSING" BECAUSE IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT IT TRIED TO QUALIFY NAMIBIA'S CLAIM TO WALVIS BAY. IT WOULD BE BETTER, HE THOUGHT, TO HAVE A BLANKET STATEMENT THAT WALVIS BAY IS PART OF NAMIBIA.

4. LEAVING THE TWO REMAINING UNSETTLED POINTS ASIDE, IT GRADUALLY DEVELOPED THAT TIJIRIANGE'S MAIN CONCERNS LAY IN SECURITY FOR SWAPO MEMBERS DURING THE TRANSITION. HE MENTIONED THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE AND A SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION (AND ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL) DURING THE TRANSITION AS PARTICULARLY DAMAGING TO THE CONFIDENCE OF NAMIBIAN NATIONALISTS. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT UN PRESENCE, INCLUDING ROLE OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, WAS AT THE HEART OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S PROPOSAL AND WAS INTENDED TO NEUTRALIZE THESE REMAINING SOUTH AFRICAN INFLUENCES. TIJIRIANGE WAS UNCERTAIN ABOUT HOW EFFECTIVE THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE. HE HAD ASSUMED A SOUTH AFRICAN WOULD FILL THE JOB.

5. COMMENT. AT THIS RATHER LATE STAGE IT WAS REMARKABLE TO FIND TIJIRIANGE SO APPARENTLY IN THE DARK ABOUT THE ROLE PLANNED FOR THE UN DURING THE TRANSITION. HIS DOUBTS SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY THAT, DESPITE ALL THE WORK DONE SO FAR TO EDUCATE SWAPO ON THIS SCORE, CONFIDENTIAL

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EVEN FURTHER EFFORT MAY BE NECESSARY TO BOLSTER SWAPO'S CONFIDENCE.  
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